

Procedures to Implement PL 115-177 (Housing Adaptations Under Chapter 31 Entitlement)

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Circular is to clarify the process of requesting Minimum Property Requirements (MPRs) and to correct the VA Form number required.

2. Therefore, Circular 26-18-21 is changed as follows:

Page 1, paragraph 3, section f: replace the entirety of paragraph f as follows:

f. The SAH agent will be required to conduct an assessment and interview on the VR&E participant's home within 30-business days from the date the case is assigned. This will consist of the SAH property suitability study documented on the appropriate 26-1858 form. The study shall include those same items required for SAH PH cases (to include color photos). Minimum Property Requirements (MPRs) may be considered, but in cases where the VR&E participant is not also entitled to the SAH grant, MPR's are not required. The SAH agent must document the reason for waiving the MPRs. Only existing homes will be assessed for IL projects and all projects will conform to SAH Plan 3 types.

Page 2, paragraph 2, section h: delete "(VA Form 26-1358)." and replace with "(VA Form 26-1858)."

3. Rescission: This Circular is rescinded January 1, 2021.

By Direction of the Under Secretary for Benefits

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